

REMARKS

In a Written Opinion dated January 30, 2006, the United States Patent and Trademark Office found all of claims 7, 31-35, and 41-51 to satisfy all provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4), namely, the USPTO found all of these claims to be novel and unobvious, and therefore patentable. A copy of that Written Opinion is attached for convenient reference.

For that reason, this Preliminary Amendment cancels all pending claims (1-6, 8-30, and 36-40) other than these claims.

The USPTO is reminded that pursuant to 37 CFR section 1.496, last sentence, the USPTO is required to take this application "out of order".

Claims 7, 31, and 32 have been rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of the claims from which they previously depended.

Claims 42 and 47 have been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 45 has been amended to eliminate dependence upon a canceled claim.

Because all pending claims have already been found by the USPTO to be patentable, it is requested that all pending claims be allowed and that the application pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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